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Mr. Bernard Raimo
Associate Counsel
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Dear Bernie:

I am writing to you in response to the concerns you raised with my staff regarding the delay in responding to Congressman Mazzoli's letter of 14 September to the Director of Personnel. In the letter, Congressman Mazzoli submitted questions for the record relating to H.R. 5805, a bill to provide benefits to certain former spouses of CIA personnel.

I certainly understand and sympathize with your frustration at not receiving a timely answer to these important questions. You should be aware, however, that your request has not been ignored by this Agency. Due to an inadvertent error, this office did not receive a copy of the letter or know of its existence for several months and, consequently, we were not in a position to take action on the letter. After being apprised of the letter in early to mid-December, my staff immediately formulated answers to the questions and coordinated those answers with other components within the Agency. We also held extensive discussions with OMB over a period of several weeks on this matter.

On 7 February we transmitted our proposed answers to OMB and requested rapid Administration clearance. Since our proposed response reflected the prior discussions we had with OMB on this matter, we believed, at the time, that Administration clearance would be immediately forthcoming. Since that time we have made several inquiries regarding the status of our proposed response, the latest of which was made on 6 March. We were informed that Administration action would be forthcoming in the "near future."

You can be assured that the Agency will raise this matter again with appropriate officials within the Administration if no action is taken in the near future.

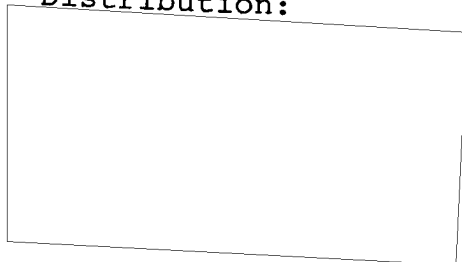
Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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7 February 1985

Ms. Hilda Schreiber
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Dear Ms. Schreiber:

I have enclosed a draft of revised answers to Congressman Mazzoli's questions regarding H.R. 5805. These revised answers are consistent with the comments you made to me last week regarding our initial set of answers. Please have them reviewed as soon as possible so that I may transmit them to HPSCI sometime next week.

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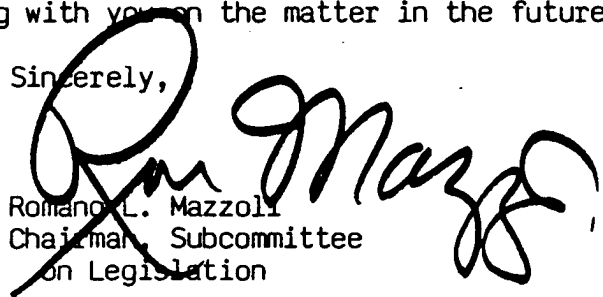
Mr. Robert Magee
Director of Personnel
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Dear Mr. Magee:

Enclosed are questions relating to H.R. 5805, the legislation Representative Whitehurst and I introduced to provide benefits to certain former spouses of Central Intelligence Agency personnel. As I stated at the Subcommittee on Legislation hearing on September 12th, the questions and the Agency's responses will be included in the Subcommittee's hearing record on H.R. 5805.

We appreciated very much your helpful comments on the legislation at the hearing, and we look forward to working with you on the matter in the future.

Sincerely,


Romano L. Mazzoli
Chairman, Subcommittee
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